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‘We’re all in this together’

County health officials keep close eye on vulnerable population

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Of the last 10 positive cases of COVID-19 recorded in Berrien County, five of those have been residents of Benton Harbor.

Loren Hamel, Spectrum Health Lakeland president, shared that information Wednesday during a news conference with officials from the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) and Berrien County.

“That may not be a sample size that is significant enough to make a prediction,” Hamel said. “But I can tell you that Spectrum Health Lakeland is so concerned that we prevent this infection everywhere.”

He said some of the other last 10 positive cases, of the 64 reported Tuesday, were in Berrien Springs, Coloma, St. Joseph and Watervliet.

Hamel said that national statistics have shown that COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting African American populations.

“So please encourage everyone to not only take care of their own health, but the health of those around them,” he said.

BCHD Health Officer Nicki Britten echoed Hamel and said once the county gets to the point it can recognize an increase in disease instances in a community, it won’t be because that community wasn’t listening to the stay-at-home order.

“It’s important to explicitly recognize that there’s a confluence of lower income wage earners that are also essential workers who also live in communities who have been repeatedly divested in, resulting in an increase risk of chronic diseases,” she said. “It’s a confluence of risk factors.”

Statistics show Benton Harbor has, on average, experienced a higher burden of serious health problems, according to Hamel and Britten.

“It’s essential for us to follow (the order) because there are people who absolutely can not, and that tends to all happen in certain pockets of our county and we want to make sure we’re protecting every community in our county,” she said.

She also reiterated that it’s not helpful for the public to know what cities have positive cases of COVID-19.

“People don’t live just within their town or ZIP code,” Britten said. “They’re traveling to the grocery store. So knowing where someone lives doesn’t give an accurate description of where risk is. The risk is everywhere.”

So, she said, the focus should be on staying home and lowering the risk for everyone.

“If there is one community that is not protected, it does impact all of us. We’re all in this together. Our fates are tied up with each other,” Britten said.

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A sign reading “We Are In This Together” along with a Winnie the Pooh bear are pictured this week in the window of the Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library in St. Joseph. The library remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Count update

The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Berrien County rose to 72 cases Wednesday, up from 64 reported Tuesday. The county still has two recorded deaths.

The BCHD reports that 35 of the

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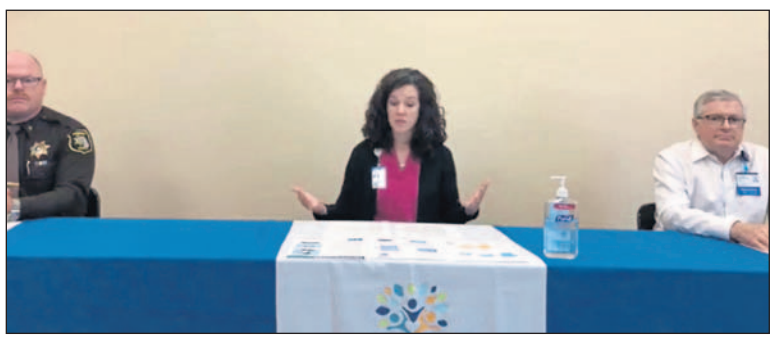

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Berrien County Undersheriff Chuck Heit, Berrien Count Health Department Health Officer Nicki Britten and Loren Hamel, Spectrum Health Lakeland president, hold an online news conference Wednesday to give an update regarding COVID-19 in Berrien County.

Hopeful Home Fund aids another homeowner

Donations sought to keep fund going

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Toni Grisham of Niles has struggled with some serious health issues the past few years and was on the verge of losing her home to tax foreclosure.

But the United Way Hopeful Home Fund has stepped in.

“She still owed the 2016 (property taxes), which she is now paying, and the Hopeful Home Fund is paying her 2017 taxes to get her out of foreclosure,” said former Berrien County Treasurer Bret Witkowski, whose last day in that role was Sunday. Foreclosure proceedings begin when a property owner becomes three or more years delinquent on property taxes.

Before leaving the treasurer’s office, Witkowski talked about the success of the program that helps families in Berrien County who are behind on taxes due to circumstances beyond their control.

Due to the generosity of Berrien County residents, three families have been helped in the past two years, Witkowski said.

The first recipient was a single mom of triplets who had cancer that had spread to her bones. Witkowski said she is doing

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Experts: Michigan ‘flying blind’ into virus surge

By CHRISTINE MACDONALD and BETH LEBLANC
The Detroit News

Conflicting forecasts of when Michigan will hit its coronavirus peak highlight how the continued lack of testing makes it difficult to predict just when the state will see a “flattening of the curve” or a leveling off on new cases and deaths, experts say.

Without more accurate data, health officials say it makes planning difficult for some medical needs and an end date to the state’s social distancing and stay-home policies.

It also creates uncertainty for business and government leaders about when to reopen Michigan’s mostly shuttered $527 billion economy.

Some lawmakers, such as U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Tipton, are wondering if some areas of the state could return to work earlier than others, while Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, R-Clarklake, has formed a bipartisan workgroup that will work with

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Former River Valley boys basketball coach Jerry Schaffer (seated, right) died Wednesday. He is pictured with his wife, Peg, and sons (from left) Doug, David, Gary and Gregg during the Nov. 22, 2019, Mustang Moonlight Madness basketball scrimmage at River Valley High School.

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Jerry Schaffer passes away

Legendary River Valley coach won more than 500 games in high school career

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Jerry Schaffer left a lasting impact on basketball in River Valley and throughout Southwest Michigan.

Schaffer died Wednesday morning after a long bout with cancer. He was 81.

Schaffer won more than 500 games as a high school basketball coach, most of them at River Valley, and guided the Mustangs to the 1979 Class C state championship. He is a member of both the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Hillsdale College Athletic Hall of Fame. He earned 12 varsity letters at Hillsdale as a four-year player in football, basketball and baseball.

“The public may be aware of his amazing coaching career,” said his son Gregg Schaffer, the current varsity boys basketball coach at St. Joseph. “What family, friends, former players, colleagues and students know is what a blessing it was to know Jerry

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positive cases have recovered from their symptoms.

Van Buren County now has 18 cases, up from 17 reported Tuesday. Cass County remains at nine positive cases. Each county still has one death.

The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

Hospitals preparing

Hamel shared during the news conference that Spectrum Health Lakeland has increased the number of beds available to treat COVID-19 patients.

He said, in addition to the 78 extra beds, 40 of which are intensive care beds, the hospital has increased staff and been working to expand its supplies.

"We're in pretty good shape on supplies right now," he said. "Hand sanitizer is still hard to get, so we're changing some of our routines to include more hand washing with soap and water. We have enough ventilators at this point for at least two to three weeks down the road."

Hamel said out of the 64 positive COVID-19 cases in Berrien County, as of Tuesday, 30 have been hospitalized, including the two patients who died.

He said seven patients are still in the hospital, with one in the ICU and six in the COVID-19 unit.

Hamel and Britten said they're still working on estimating when this region might see a peak number of, with the best guesses indicating it may be another week or two.

"We're still seeing an increase of cases each day, so we're still imagining we're going up that curve," Britten said.

County monitoring, closing some parks

Berrien County Undersheriff Chuck Heit reported at the news conference that the county has issued "a number of citations" to people who have not followed the stay-at-home order or who have not refrained from gathering in large groups.

"But for the most part we've seen that people are adhering to the order," he said.

Heit said Madeline Bertrand County Park near Niles has been closed, and that some smaller municipal parks have been closed around the county because they are not large enough to accommodate social distancing.

He said Silver Beach County Park will remain open for now, thought the playground area is closed.

"We would have to close it if people do not adhere to social distancing," Heit said. "We're asking all to contribute so that social distancing is met."

During the question portion, someone asked about people with second homes traveling to Southwest Michigan now that it's getting warmer.

Heit and Britten said it's fine if people are traveling from home to home, but that they should refrain from having contact with others, i.e., not going to the grocery store, until they know they did not bring an illness here.

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Schaffer personally. He positively led by example in every area of his life."

River Valley named its basketball facility Jerry Schaffer Gymnasium in 2014, and for good reason. Schaffer became the school's first-ever basketball coach in 1966-67, and coached until 1999, compiling a record of 473-272. Including brief stints at Woodland, Mich., and New Troy before it became part of River Valley, Schaffer totaled more than 500 career victories.

His Mustang teams won 13 district titles, 10 conference crowns and seven regionals. They reached the state semifinals four times, twice finishing as runner-up and winning it all in 1979.

"I had a lot of good memories in here for those 38 years," Schaffer said at a 2019 event honoring the 40th anniversary of the title team. "It was highlighted by some special years, and 1979 had to be right at the top because we were state champs."

The 1979 team was particularly memorable as its tallest player was just 6-foot-1. The Mustangs were only an honorable mention selection in Class C entering the tournament, but relied on defense, holding teams under 50 points and winning close games.

At that time, one of River Valley's biggest rivals was Lakeshore. Then-Lancers

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Former River Valley boys basketball coach coach Jerry Schaffer talks about the 1979 River Valley state championship team during a Feb. 22, 2019, recognition ceremony. Schaffer died Wednesday.

coach Jim Sanford recalled some intense battles with Schaffer's teams.

"If you weren't sitting in the gym by 6 o'clock, you weren't going to get in," Sanford remembered. "I probably spent more preparation time on River Valley than anyone we played. His teams were so well-coached fundamentally. You knew they were going to stay in the game because they were so fundamentally sound. They ran their offenses to a T. They were very patient looking for the best shot they could get, and they weren't going to turn it over. You had to be really prepared physically and mentally to play his team."

Sanford said that most of the games between the two teams were in the 40s because of the emphasis on defense. He also looked up to Schaffer off the court.

"We were really good friends," Sanford said. "He was a good mentor for me and he didn't even know it."

Schaffer also had an impact on another rival coach, Mike Miller of Bridgman. Miller, who took over at Bridgman in 1992, recalled many close rivalry games – particularly a 1997 contest where a potential game-winner at the buzzer for the Bees was waved off.

"He had his boys believe that the team came first and individual stats came second," Miller said. "I always admired that about his teams."

What impressed Miller even more, though, was Schaffer volunteering to visit his offseason camps and speak to young players, which he said helped him get off on the right foot as a coach.

Jerry and his wife Peggy had four sons – Gary, Gregg, David and Doug – and all four have coached basketball at some level. Doug Schaffer spent many years as the men's basketball coach at Lake Michigan College, some with Jerry as his assistant. Gregg, a member of the 1979 title team, is in his second stint leading St. Joseph.

"Gregg is one of the most honest, ethical and fair coaches I've ever worked against," Miller said. "I think that represents everything his father wanted him to be."

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LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
07-08-09-13-17-24
Poker Lotto
JD-6C-4H-8S-9S
Midday Daily 3
0-6-2
Midday Daily 4
7-6-9-8
Daily 3
4-0-9
Daily 4
5-4-4-9
Fantasy 5
12-25-26-31-36
Keno
02-03-10-14-16-30-31-37-38-41-42-46-47-48-52-59-65-66-69-74-77-78
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $136 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $190 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
25-33-43-51-68, Mega Ball: 20, Megaplier: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
10-21-24-38-41
Estimated jackpot
$140,000
Cash4Life
20-37-38-49-55, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
01-02-03-13-15-20-27-30-36-42-44-50-54-56-57-63-66-71-72-78, BE: 72
Daily Three-Midday
7-9-5, SB: 6
Daily Three-Evening
9-9-5, SB: 2
Daily Four-Midday
4-3-6-5, SB: 6
Daily Four-Evening
2-4-3-0, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
10-12-17-18-29-31-40-42-43-46-50-53-55-59-62-65-66-71-75-76, BE: 12
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
08-18-19-23-28
Pick Three-Midday
6-4-3, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
9-3-0, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
9-2-8-5, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
0-1-6-5, Fireball: 3
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Medical marijuana dispensary gets OK from BH planners

By LOUISE WREGE
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BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor planning commissioners this week approved a special use permit and site plan for Justice Grown of Michigan, putting the company one step closer to opening a medical marijuana dispensary at 200 E. Main St.

The plan now goes before city commissioners for final approval.

But Tuesday's decision wasn't without controversy.

Some planning commissioners said the proposed location is too close to the Sikh Religious Society of Southwest Michigan at 248 Territorial Road, and to the Michigan Works' YouthBuild building at 315 E. Main St., which is part of Kinexus.

The city's ordinance requires that medical marijuana businesses be more than 500 feet from churches and at least 1,000 feet from schools.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad, who is on the planning commission, said the Sikh building is listed as a nonprofit with the state, but not as a church.

City staff said that the YouthBuild building is used only for storage.

When contacted by phone after the meeting, Al Pscholka, vice president of public relations and government affairs at Kinexus, said classes are held at the YouthBuild building to teach construction skills to students aged 16-24.

"While it's not considered a school, it's considered a training facility," he said.

Pscholka said he is sending a letter to the city to clarify how the building is used.

Justice Grown was one of four applicants chosen by city commissioners in March to receive medical marijuana provisioning center licenses.

AEP Main Street Substation

In other business, planners voted to table talks with American Electric Power officials about the rebuilding of the AEP Main Street Substation until AEP officials reach a deal with surrounding property owners and the Michigan Department of Transportation about flooding issues.

In July 2018, planning commissioners approved plans for the substation to be rebuilt at the corner of Main and 10th streets farther back on the property owned by the company.

At the time, developer Peter Colovos, who owns most of the surrounding properties, objected because the plan called for the filling in of a wetlands area where much of the water in the area drains to. AEP has since filled in the wetlands, which were 4 to 5 feet below the street level, to be about 2 feet above street level.

On Tuesday, AEP representatives said their new plan calls for the substation to be rebuilt at its existing location, with the back area to be returned to being wetlands. They said that the groundwater levels in the area have risen and continue to rise, making that location no longer acceptable.

They said they are considering enclosing the substation in a building, which would be surrounded by landscaping to screen the building.

Planning commissioners said AEP should come back to their June meeting with the agreement and new plans.

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A special use permit for a medical marijuana dispensary has been recommended by the Benton Harbor Planning Commission for 200 E. Main St., in downtown Benton Harbor. It now goes to the city commission for final approval.

RIDE AND SHINE

Don Campbell / HP staff

Chris Dewey, of Bridgman, practices social distancing as he tries longboard kiteboarding in an empty parking lot on a sunny day at Warren Dunes State Park this week in Bridgman.

Man shot, injured at housing complex

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A man was injured late Wednesday when he was shot by someone inside a car as he walked on Highland Avenue near Plum Court in Benton Township.

Police said his injuries were not fatal.

The man, identified by police only as a 46-year-old from Benton Harbor, told police he was walking near the Blossom Acres housing complex when a blue four-door Ford sedan drove past him east on Highland. The man told police the vehicle then turned around and came west on Highland. A man in the back seat on the driver's side fired a handgun one time through an open window, then the vehicle took off in an unknown direction, the victim told police.

Benton Township Police Detective Lt. Michael DenDooven said in a news release that the victim sustained a graze wound to his right shin area and a graze wound to his right ankle, and it appeared the bullet exited the victim's shoe.

The victim had made his way to 1263 Blossom Lane at the Blossom Acres housing complex to seek help, DenDooven said. He was taken to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, by Medic 1 ambulance.

DenDooven said police were told the injuries were not life-threatening and the man would be treated and released from the hospital.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the Benton Township Police Department Detective Bureau, 925-1135, or Crime Stoppers, (574) 288-STOP.

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SHCA's member exhibit goes virtual

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Center for the Arts' 71st Annual Member Exhibit, "Setting Stones," will open Friday – virtually.

The exhibit will remain "on display" through May 16.

The SHCA will share its artists' work on its website, on social media and via email. An email will be sent on Friday directing visitors to the online gallery.

The exhibition will feature a collection of creative interpretations in stone stemming from the SHCA Exhibition Committee's brainstorming. Committee members began by thinking of stones as monuments: Stonehenge, the 300th anniversary of Plymouth Rock, shrines; and moved on to other idioms: walls and boundaries, set in stone, rolling stone, stone cold, written in stone.

Each piece will be accompanied by the artists' personal statements describing the motivation behind their work and how it relates to the theme.

This year's exhibit contains the work of existing members, as well artwork from new members. Their work is available for sale.

The exhibition is possible with support from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs.

For more information, or to sign up for the art center's email list, call 637-1041 or visit www.southhavenarts.org.

"Let the Joy Out" by Claire Elaine Hamlin is one of almost 40 pieces of art in the South Haven Center for the Arts' 71st Annual Member Exhibition, "Setting Stones," which opened online Friday. The exhibition runs through May 16.

Photo provided

Benton Twp. to work on water treatment plant

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township is in the early stages of its paving and drainage improvement project at the water treatment plant.

Trustees agreed to hire L.E. Barber Inc. to undertake the project during a virtual board meeting Tuesday via a conference call.

Steve Oosting of Prein & Newhof said the project was among the bevy of infrastructure-related projects that the board approved in its capital improvement plan last fall.

"It's a project first requested by water plant operation staff because the site currently experiences some drainage problems that make access to maintenance on the side and rear of the building difficult," Oosting said.

Four bids were received on March 25.

The lowest bidder was L.E. Barber – a company based in the township – which offered to undertake the project for $178,000.

The next closest bid was from Kalin Construction for about $186,000.

B and Z Co. and Balkema Construction were the other two bidders, which submitted offers closer to $200,000.

"We've had discussions with them and understand them to be a reputable construction company," Oosting said of L.E. Barber. "They seem to have a solid understanding of the work."

Oosting said the company expressed its intentions to begin the work in May, but the project's start time could change depending on the outcome of current stay-at-home restrictions.

Although it is slightly higher than the estimated $150,000, Oosting said the township had the funds available to continue with the project.

Trustee Linda Scarbrough said the cheapest option is not always the best.

She said she would have preferred to go with either Kalin Construction or B and Z, based on their previous work with the township.

However, after a brief discussion among trustees, they unanimously voted in favor of the lowest bidder.

The board also agreed to a proposal for Prein & Newhof to prepare a formal application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund project.

The revolving fund would be used to finance about $19 million in water system improvements that were identified in the township's capital improvement plan.

"This is a funding program that has been recommended by your financial adviser," Oosting said. "One of the attractive elements of this financing program is they have the potential of offering loan forgiveness for disadvantaged communities, which you are."

The next board meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on April 21. It's unknown whether the meeting will be in person or over a conference call.

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Coloma man arrested near Bangor on several charges

BANGOR — A 35-year-old Coloma man faces several criminal charges after police say he tried to elude police on Tuesday afternoon in Arlington Township.

Among the charges is the violation of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order that Michigan residents stay at home to curb coronavirus-related illnesses and deaths. His other criminal charges include two counts of resisting and obstructing police, and felony possession of a fire arm and ammunition, according to a news release from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department.

The man's arrest after police were dispatched at 2:15 p.m. to a home in the 56000 block of M-43 Highway in Arlington Township. They did so after dispatchers reported that a woman had called asking for help for an "unknown circumstance," according to the release.

When deputies arrived they saw the suspect running away from the residence. The man complied when being ordered to stop, but it appeared that he had hid something before returning to the deputies. When deputies asked what he had hidden, he broke away from officers and again fled on foot, police said.

Deputies pursued the suspect by setting up a perimeter and calling for a K9 officer to track him. The man was found about a mile away hiding under construction equipment.

Deputies also went to the site where they thought the suspect had hidden something and found a bolt-action .410 shotgun in a clump of bushes. Police said the suspect was questioned about the firearm and admitted to having it and hiding it in the bushes. His reasoning, however, for having the gun was "uncertain," according to the release.

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Coach Patricia trying to ace Lions' 2020 draft from home

By DAVE BIRKETT
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

DETROIT — Matt Patricia is no stranger to hunkering down in one place, especially this time of year as preparations heat up for the NFL draft.

But the Detroit Lions coach, famous for pulling all-nighters at the team's Allen Park practice facility, is settling into a new normal working out of his suburban Detroit home.

"Normally, we are just quarantined at the office, that's pretty much what we do," Patricia said on The Mitch Albom Show on WJR 760-AM last week. "This is by far the most I've ever been home probably in my entire life, working career in football. There's certainly parts of it that we're trying to figure out, but honestly I love my kids, I love my wife, it's great to be around them and even just to be in a situation where everybody first and foremost is just safe and healthy, that's the most important thing."

The Lions have been handling preparations for this month's draft, and the start of their offseason program, remotely for nearly a month now.

They pulled their scouts off the road in early March and encouraged employees outside of "operationally critical staff" to work from home.

Coaches have worked to put together playbook information and a teaching plan for the spring. The NFL already has delayed its formal offseason program, and may end up cancelling on-field workouts, but the league is expected to allow some sort of remote instruction to players.

And after holding in-person meetings in December and again after the season, Lions coaches, scouts and front-office personnel are in the process of finalizing their board for the April 23-25 draft.

The NFL said Monday that teams will draft remotely this year with all personnel working from home.

Top Tigers

BH's Carlos Johnson named AP D2 Player of The Year; Davis makes first team

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

The awards continue to roll in for Benton Harbor's Carlos "Scooby" Johnson.

Johnson was named the Associated Press Division 2 Player of The Year when the AP announced its all-state boys basketball teams for D2 this week.

The Butler signee averaged 25 points, 11 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3 steals per game while leading the Tigers to a 20-2 record and a No. 1 rank in the AP D2 poll before the season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Johnson ends his prep career as Benton Harbor's all-time leading scorer and finished just 60 points shy of 2,000.

"What more can I say about him?" Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "He's been Mr. All-Everything for us these past four years. No one in the history of Benton Harbor can say they won a state title and Mr. Basketball."

Joining Johnson on the first-team all-state team for D2 was his teammate Quindarius Davis. The senior point guard averaged 16 points, 3 assists, and 3 steals per game as the heart and soul of the Tigers' defense. Davis often found himself defending the opposing team's best offensive player, which included standouts like Flint Beecher's Jalen Terry and Ypsilanti Lincoln's Emoni Bates.

"Davis is very deserving," Sterling said. "He's definitely an underrated guard in the state and I believe he's the best defensive guard in the state. He was a great football player but an even better basketball player."

The Benton Harbor duo leaves behind a legacy future generations of Tigers will aim to emulate and surpass.

"They're great role models for the community," Sterling said. "Kids at the lower levels want to be Scooby Johnson. They do the right things off the court and succeed on the court."

Buchanan's Chris Young was named D2 honorable mention. Young averaged 15.8 points per game and led the Bucks to an 18-3 record and a district finals appearance.

In Division 3, Bloomingdale's Tyler Starbuck earned second-team all-state honors after averaging 28.5 points per game and guiding the Cardinals to a 17-5 record. Brandywine junior Kendall Chrismon was named honorable mention after averaging 15.7 points per game for a Bobcats squad that finished the season with an 18-3 record and a BCS Red title.

Bridgman senior Hunter Adams and Hartford junior Aaron Sinclair also earned honorable mention nods. Adams averaged 13.6 points and 13.4 rebounds for a 15-6 Bridgman squad and Sinclair averaged 22.6 points per game for the Indians.

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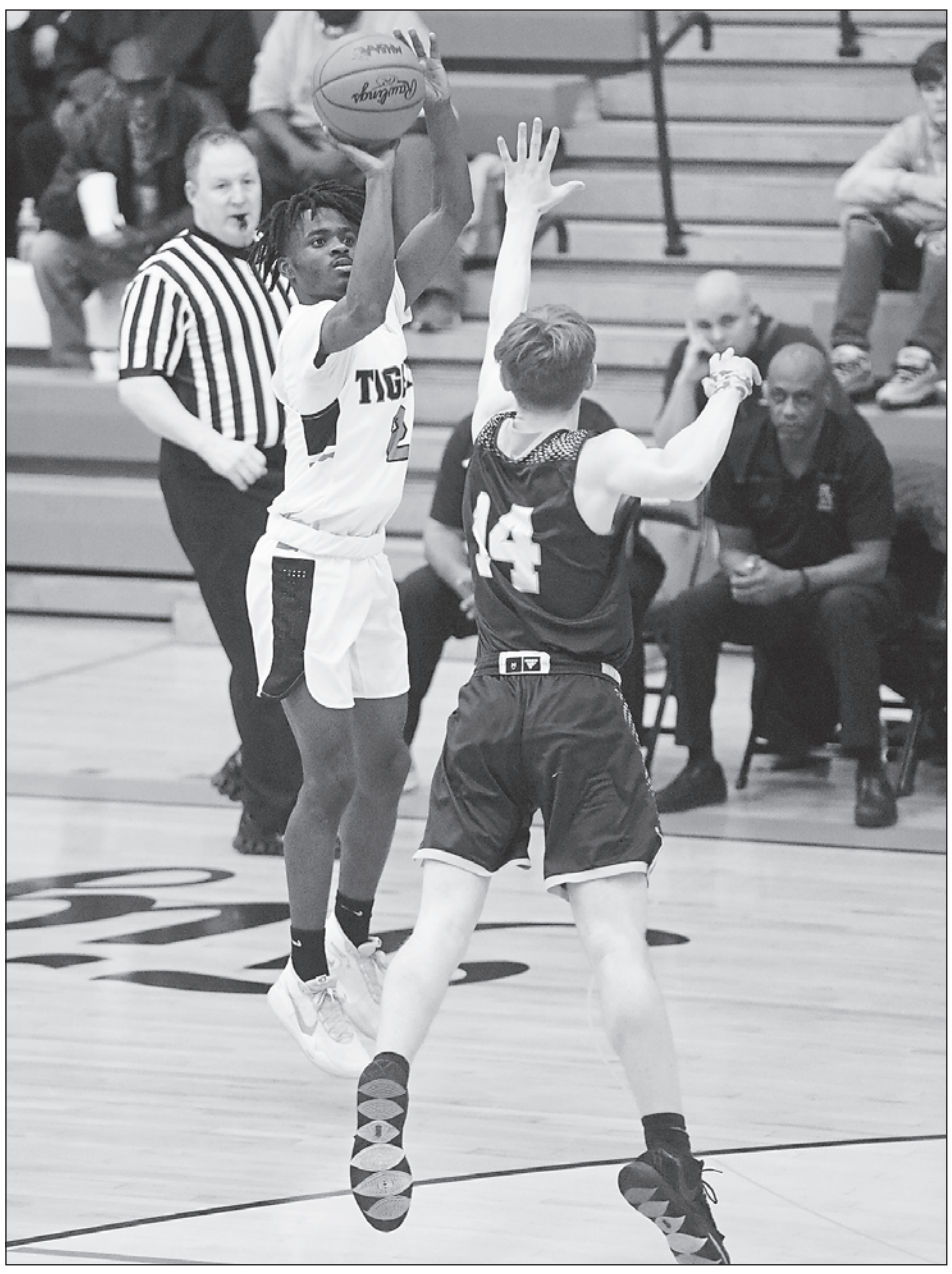

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Benton Harbor's Quindarius Davis shoots while under pressure from South Haven's Zander Russell during a game earlier this year at Benton Harbor High School.

Benton Harbor's Carlos Johnson shoots from the outside during a game this year against Battle Creek Pennfield. Johnson has been named Michigan's Mr. Basketball for 2020.

Bulls expand front-office search to interview 3 more candidates

By JAMAL COLLIER
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

The Bulls started laying groundwork for their search for a top basketball executive during All-Star Weekend in February, so it's no surprise they are looking to move this process along quickly.

Three more candidates with front-office experience emerged Wednesday after reportedly interviewing with the Bulls this week: former Cavaliers and Hawks general manager Danny Ferry, former Hawks GM Wes Wilcox and former 76ers President Bryan Colangelo.

They join Jazz GM Justin Zanik and Nuggets GM Arturas Karnisovas, who has emerged as the early favorite, according to Yahoo Sports. The Bulls expanded the search after some of their initial targets withdrew from consideration, but they could have an executive in place this week or early next week, according to NBC Sports Chicago.

Karnisovas has built a strong draft record with success in player development during his seven years in the Nuggets front office and was coveted for front-office roles with the Nets, Bucks and 76ers in recent years before deciding to stay in Denver.

Each of the three new candidates has experience running basketball operations but exited under rocky circumstances.

Ferry helped build the Hawks into an Eastern Conference contender, including a 60-win season and appearance in the conference finals in 2014-15. But he was dismissed in June 2015 after reading a racist scouting report verbatim during a conference call about former Bulls player Luol Deng, who was then with the Heat. "He has a little African in him, not in a bad way, but he's like a guy who would have a nice store out front but sell you counterfeit stuff out the back," the report said.

A path forward: NBA, NHL and MLB tinker with restart options

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While the world wrestles with the coronavirus pandemic, the three biggest U.S.-based sports leagues currently affected by the crisis are trying to figure out if, how and where games can be safely played again this year.

The NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball have some similar constraints: Public and player health are the most pressing issues and any decisions would have to come with widespread federal, state and local support. But there are also individual challenges for each league, which have unique schedules and playing arrangements that could affect logistics.

All three have discussed the possibility of essentially quarantining their players in cities for long periods to play games in a safe environment.

Dr. Patrick Mularoni, who is the medical director of sports medicine at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital, says it's possible, at least on paper.

"You'd have to completely isolate the players, staff, coaches, medical staff and likely food-service workers until 14 days. They'd all have to be willing to do that," Mularoni said. "And the logistics of having that number of people not make a mistake is the difficulty there. But once you do that, if they are all together and working together, once they're together, you should be fine because essentially what you created is an oasis where people who have proven that they do not have COVID can be."

A Q&A prepared by some of AP's beat writers on where leagues are with their plans:

NBA

Q: If safe, how would play resume and when?

The NBA is looking at countless restart options, but a consistent theme throughout them calls for a training camp of at least two weeks for teams to get back into some sort of basketball shape. It would seem likely that teams would be quarantined at that time. No decision has been made about whether to resume some of the regular season or go right into the playoffs, and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver has said his league won't decide anything definitively until at least May.

Q: Where would games be held?

The idea of having one or two sites for games has been discussed, with Las Vegas and Los Angeles among them. The league has explored several possible sites, for preparation purposes, but has not entered into any concrete deals anyplace.

Q: Would fans be allowed?

Almost certainly not, at least not at first, unless social distancing guidelines are lifted and public health officials say it is safe.

Q: Could they shorten the playoffs?

Absolutely. The best-of-seven format could be abandoned for a best-of-five or possibly less, though the NBA seems adamant at this point that – if the season is going to resume – it wants as legitimate a champion as possible.

Q: What other precautions would the NBA take?

The ball itself could be a major issue. NBA players sweat, and sweat a lot. That sweat gets on the floor, gets on other players, but the one thing in the game that everyone is touching is the same ball.

Tim Reynolds reporting from Miami.

NHL

Q: If safe, how would play resume and when?

A: The NHL could target a late June or early July resumption of the regular season or beginning of the playoffs. League officials, coaches, general managers and players expect at least a two week re-training camp before resuming play. If the NHL goes directly to playoffs, either 16 or 24 of the 31 teams would likely be involved.

Q: Where would games be held?

A: The NHL would like to use home arenas but is also considering hundreds of places to hold games at neutral sites, if need be.

Q: Would fans be allowed?

A: It would take CDC and Public Health Canada clearance for large gatherings for fans to be allowed.

Q: What would be among the upsides in resuming play?

A: The playoffs could be the most competitive, with teams icing nearly complete rosters, given most players dealing with injuries will have had time to heal. NHL's two key broadcast partners, NBC and SportsNet/CBC, have a huge hole to fill in their broadcast schedules with the Summer Olympics being postponed.

Q: How late could hockey be played?

A: Potentially into September. NHL officials are focused on staging a full 82-game 2020-21 season that could start as late as mid-November with the Stanley Cup awarded in late June. At least a month's break would be required to allow for the draft and a free-agency period, and to provide players a chance to rest.

John Wawrow reporting from Buffalo, New York, and Stephen Whyno from Washington.

MLB

Q: If safe, how would play resume and when?

Games likely would start about three weeks after teams return to training. Teams and players have looked at the end of the 1994-95 strike as a possible model. Teams accepted the players' unconditional offer to return to work on April 2, which was the original start of the season, and opening day was pushed to April 25.

Q: Where would games be held?

MLB's first choice would be to play in regular-season ballparks. Uncertain whether that will be possible, teams and the players' association have discussed possibly basing all 30 teams in the Phoenix area, where they would be sequestered for an indeterminate time. There would have to be agreement on economic and logistical issues, and medical and government approvals.

Q: Would fans be allowed?

At regular-season ballparks, the decision likely would be a city-to-city determination, made by local and state governments. At spring training ballparks in Arizona, there likely would not be any fans and games would be played for television, streaming and radio audiences.

Ronald Blum reporting from New York.

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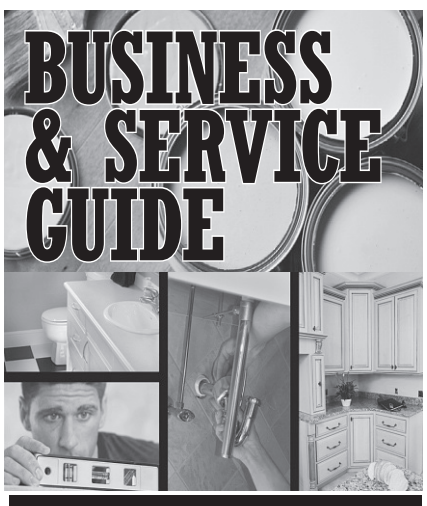

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By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Sit tight, mull over what you want to accomplish and don't make changes based on emotional, unpredictable situations. Focus on what makes you feel passionate. Extending a helping hand will be how you get ahead as the year progresses. Use patience and kindness as your calling card.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Think about the good times. Don't let your emotions take charge and cause a problem. Getting along with others will be necessary if you want to advance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change someone makes will not reflect what he or she suggested. Be ready to adjust to counter any fallout that may leave you in a precarious position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Curb your habits and take better care of your health. Fitness and diet will make a difference. Don't share personal information or passwords, or someone will take advantage of you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If something is bothering you, speak out. Keeping your feelings inside will only make situations worse. Be honest and focus on moving forward. A creative project looks promising.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't expect someone to be forthright about sensitive information that can make or break an important decision. Control your emotions and maintain a reserved demeanor. Discipline and physical endurance will defeat obstacles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Communication, travel and networking events will bring about positive decisions and change. Follow your heart and do your own thing, regardless of what others do. Put your health and prosperity first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Get involved in activities that challenge you mentally and physically. How you react to others will affect your reputation. Offer kindness and consideration, as well as truth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A change of heart will take place if you educate yourself about something. Knowledge is power, and being adaptable will help you achieve whatever you set out to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Deception regarding joint finances is apparent. Take a close look at contracts and agreements before you commit. Let go of the past and find solace in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Use your imagination to come up with sound solutions. A change may not be on your to-do list, but once you start to make alterations, you will feel comfortable with your decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Emotional matters will be difficult to control. When in doubt, retreat, get organized and work on something that gives you a chance to rethink your next move.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A joint venture will have pros and cons. Before you join in, consider the cost and time involved. You may be best off moving forward on your own.

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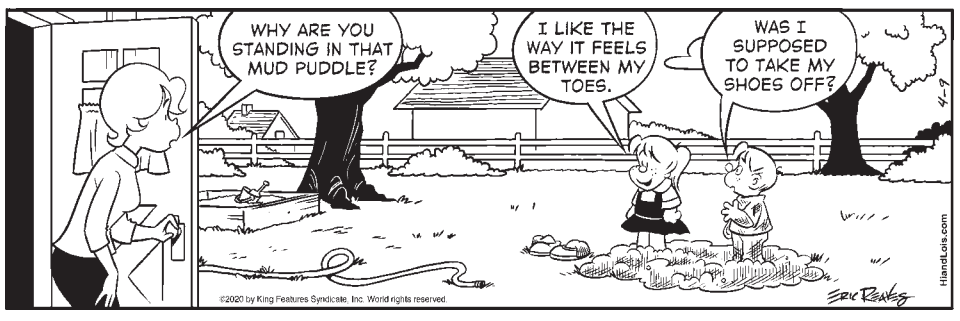
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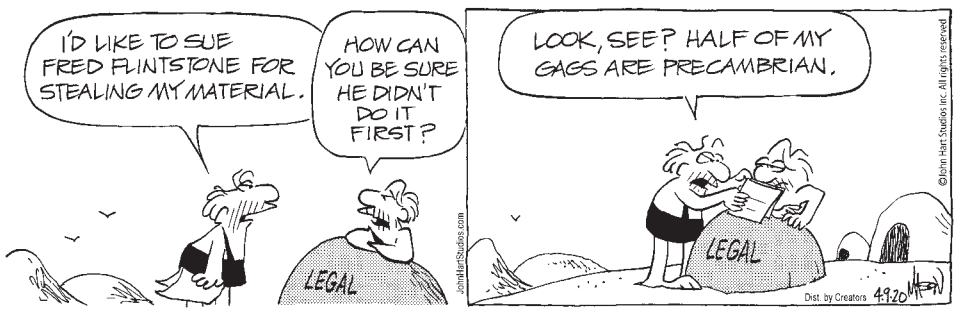
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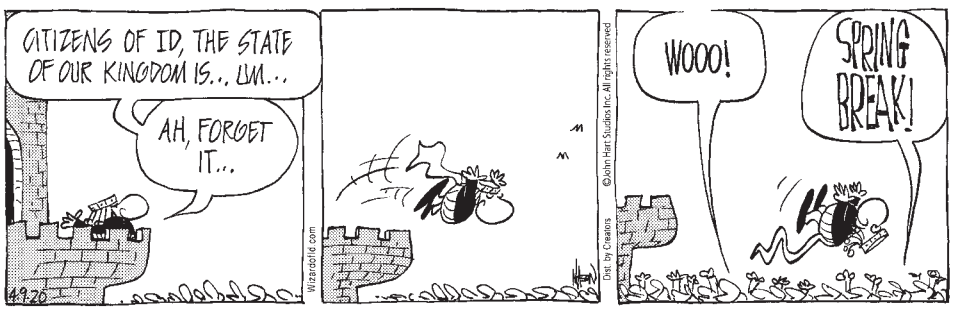

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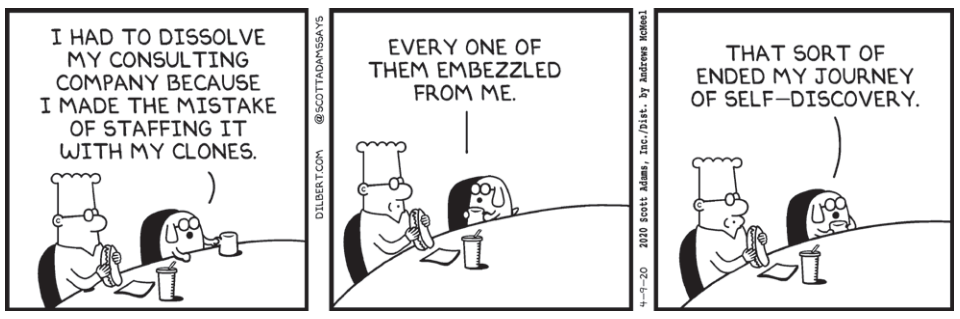
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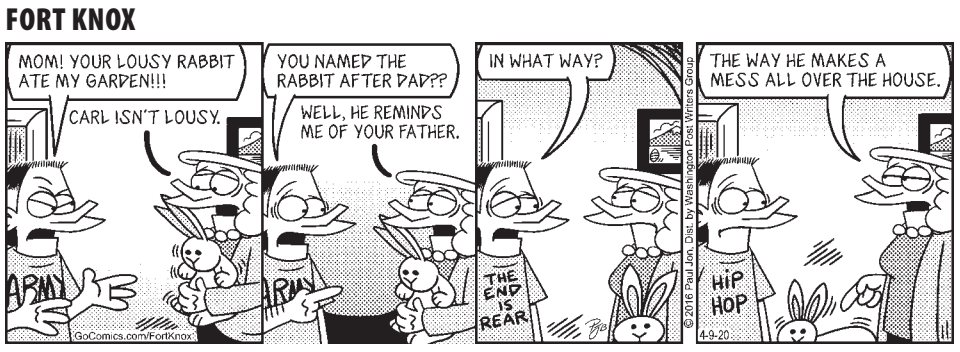
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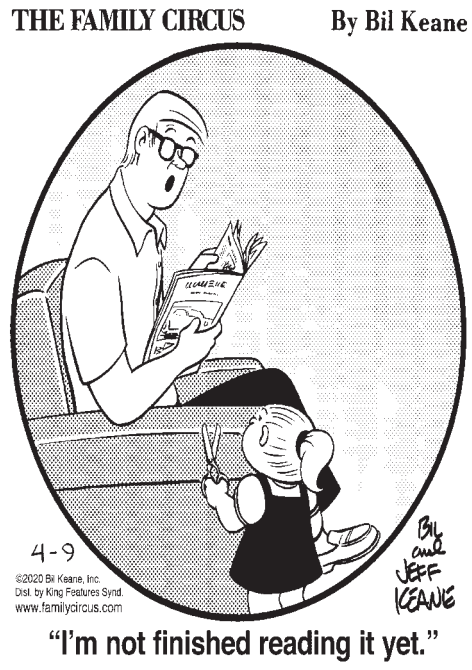

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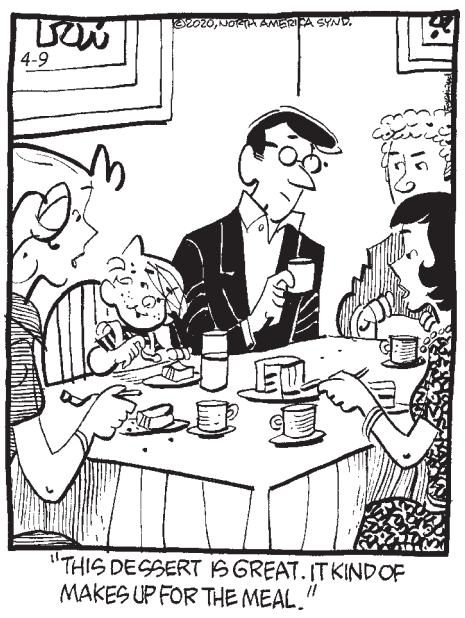

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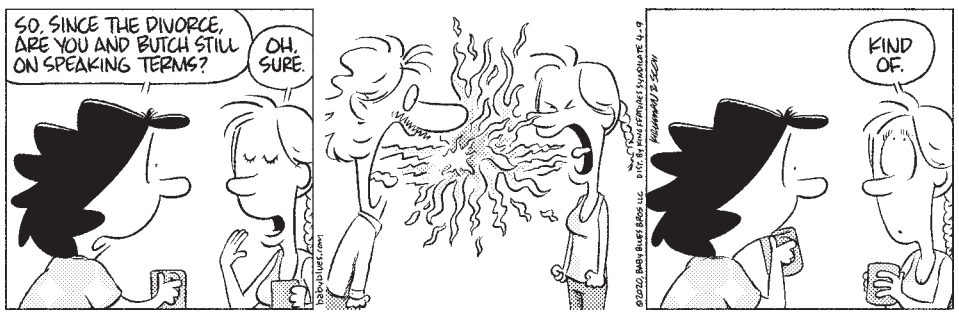
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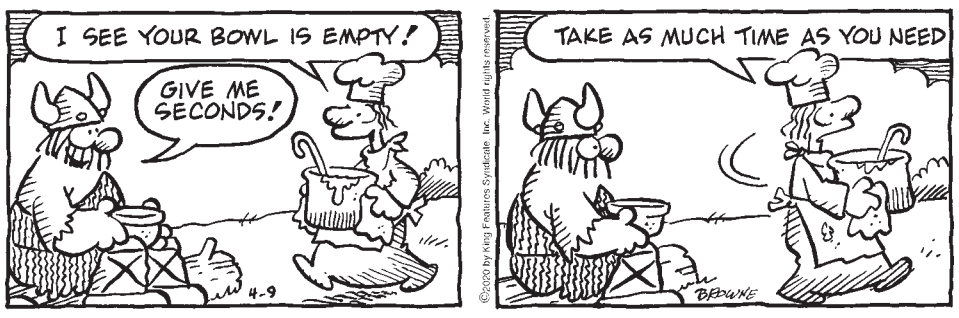
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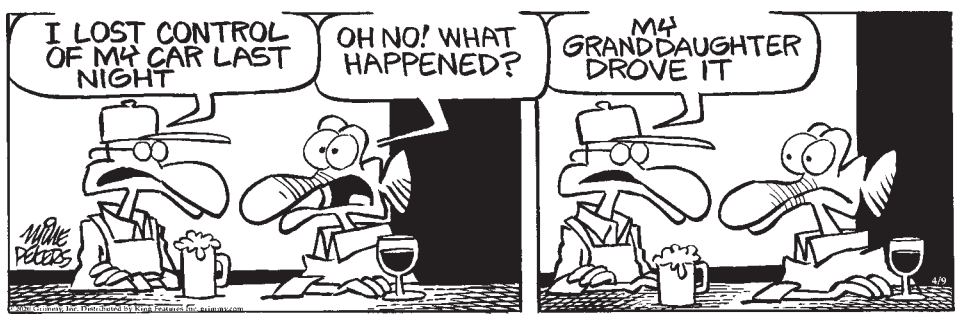
I LOST CONTROL OF MY CAR LAST NIGHT
OH NO! WHAT HAPPENED?
MY GRANDDAUGHTER DROVE IT
MIKE PETERS
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MUTTS

I LOVE RAINY DAYS.
THEY GIVE ME A GOOD EXCUSE TO SHTAY HOME AND DO NUTHIN'.
NOT THAT I NEED ONE.
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SALLY FORTH

ARE YOU REALLY CONSIDERING TAKING THAT JOB, SAL?
I KNOW. IT SOUNDS NUTS. BUT ON THE DRIVE HOME I BEGAN TO THINK THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT IT I THOUGHT I'D NEVER FIND...
BEING IN CHARGE OF MARKETING, HR, ESSENTIALLY A WHOLE AD AGENCY WOULD LET ME USE NOT ONLY MY MANAGEMENT SKILLS BUT ALSO MY CREATIVITY! IT COULD BE THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY!
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AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THREE PEOPLE YOU WANTED TO KILL AT YOUR OLD OFFICE.
I ALSO WANTED TO KILL RALPH AND NOW HE'S MY BROTHER-IN-LAW... WHO I STILL WANTED TO KILL UP UNTIL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.
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THURSDAY EVENING APR. 9

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 A storage facility fire. (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy "Put on a Happy Face"		:01 How to Get Away With Murder (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	Man With a Plan (N)	:01 Mom CC	Broke "Jobs"	Tommy A search for an online criminal. (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	Will & Grace (N)	Indebted (N) CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	:01 Mental Samurai "Week Two"		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	To Be Announced		Father Brown CC		To Be Announced	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Arrow CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Arrow CC		DC's Legends of Tomorrow CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Thicker Than Water" CC		Highway to Heaven (Part 2 of 2) CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 (N) CC		Live PD: Wanted (N) CC		60 Days In "Pushed to the Limit" (N)	
AMC	:00 ✶✶✶ Top Gun ('86, Action) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. CC				✶✶✶ Under Siege ('92, Action) Steven Seagal. CC		
Animal	Last	The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (N)				Yukon Men CC	
BET	New Edtn	The New Edition Story "Part Two" CC				New Edition	
Big Ten	Divided We Stand		MSU Classic		BTN Basketball in 60		BTN in 60
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Top Chef "You're So Fresh!" (N) CC	
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	American Dreamz	✶✶✶ Innerspace ('87, Comedy) Dennis Quaid, Martin Short, Meg Ryan. CC				✶✶✶ Traffic ('00) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Rob Riggle	Rob Riggle Global Investigator: Quest		Rob Riggle: Global Investigator (N)		Moonshiners "Swamp Shiners"	
Disney	Bunk'd	Zombies 2 ('20) CC			Fam Jam	Dance	Sydney
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Total Bellas (N)		The Kardashians	
ESPN	TBA	To Be Announced					
ESPN2	:00 College Hockey			College Hockey			
ESPNC	5:30 College Football		College Football				
Food	Beat Flay	Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race		Vegas Chef	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Roasting	Red Wings Classics Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals.					Wingspan
Freefrm	✶✶✶ The Jungle Book ('16) Neel Sethi. Young Mowgli meets an array of animals in the jungle. CC					Siren "Survivor" Ryn discovers a secret.	
FX	:00 ✶✶✶ Furious 7 ('15) Vin Diesel. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. CC					Better Things	:34 Breeders
Golf	To Be Announced				To Be Announced		
Hallmark	Just My Type ('20)	The Last Bridesmaid ('19, Romance) Rachel Boston, Paul Campbell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Atlanta's Missing	✶✶ Good Boys ('19, Comedy) Jacob Tremblay. CC			Westworld "The Mother of Exiles"		Euphoria "Pilot"
History	Swamp	Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		:03 Swamp People	
HGTV	Fixer to	Flip	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Save My Skin		My 600-Lb. Life (N)	
Lifetime	King of Queens	Married at First Sight Decision Day looms for the four couples. (N) CC				King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Families of the Mafia		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Insd.	Chicago Blackhawks Classics					White
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	✶✶✶ Where the Wild Things Are ('09) CC					Friends
NGEO	Grizzlies	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Mark of a Killer	Killer Couples (N) CC		Mark of a Killer "Killer Caller" CC		Green River Killer (N) CC	
Parmt	:00 ✶✶ Next Friday ('00)			Wife Swap (N) CC		★ Friday After Next	
Showtime	:15 ✶✶ The Best of Enemies ('19) Taraji P. Henson, Sam Rockwell. CC				Kobe Bryant's Muse NBA player Kobe Bryant. CC		
Starz	:18 ✶✶ Zombieland: Double Tap ('19) Woody Harrelson.			✶✶✶ Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood ('19) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC			
STZENC	:23 ✶✶ Are We There Yet? ('05) Ice Cube. CC			✶✶ Anger Management ('03, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson. CC			
SyFy	:00 ✶✶ xXx: Return of Xander Cage ('17) Vin Diesel.			:05 ✶✶✶ Edge of Tomorrow ('14) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Strange Love	✶✶✶✶ Annie Hall ('77, Comedy) Woody Allen, Diane Keaton. CC				✶✶✶ Manhattan ('79) CC	
TMC	Acceptable	✶✶ Faster ('10, Action) Dwayne Johnson. CC			:40 ✶✶ Drive Angry ('11, Action) Nicolas Cage. CC		
TNT	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2			Shaq Life	Shaq Life	✶✶✶ It ('17)	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Dead Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D. "Debts of the Past"	
VH1	Baby Boy	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

Mom is caught in the middle between dad, adult children

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband wants me to stop speaking to our adult children. He says they have both offended him, and he wants an apology from them.

My daughter didn't help him when he was out of the home for a few months and had nowhere to go. At the time, she was living in her boyfriend's grandparents' home. She had asked them if it was OK, but they said no. My husband was hurt by this and wants her to apologize for "treating him this way." They no longer speak to each other and exchanged hurtful texts until my daughter blocked him.

My son, who just turned 18, is in college. He came home for a break and asked if he could stay with his girlfriend. I said yes. When my husband found out, he ordered our son to come home. My son pulled the "I'm 18; you can't tell me what to do." He then said our family crisis was causing his girlfriend to have anxiety and depression. This upset my husband because he felt he was being blamed for her issues and disrespected when my son refused to come home. My husband feels I should stop speaking to him, too, to support him.

I cannot bring myself to do this. My husband says our marriage is over if I can't support him. What would you do? – In A Family Mess

DEAR "MESS": Your husband is a handful. With his authoritarian attitude, he cannot seem to stop himself from alienating family members. He is acting like a bullying child. Right now, he is two for two and counting.

I do not think you should stop talking to your daughter for things beyond her control or for telling the truth. If you have any power at all in your marital relationship, please insist that all of you get family counseling from a licensed professional. Your husband needs to learn to communicate more effectively with his son. If your husband refuses to participate, and he may, then you have some important decisions about your future that I cannot make for you.

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister died two years ago. She was only 43. She left behind her husband of 19 years, three children, my parents and myself (along with many other family members and friends).

Her choice was to be cremated. As a family, we discussed my brother-in-law's plans for the ashes. He discussed various options and we, of course, shared our desires and wishes. Her ashes remained in the cardboard box from the funeral home on a shelf in their living room until my brother-in-law moved into a new place a year later.

My mother finally confronted him. She said it was disrespectful not to have finalized a resting place for her daughter. She said she knew the ashes belong to him because he's the husband. His response was he was sorry she felt that way. Now we don't know what he's done with them. He became engaged 15 months after my sister's death and has been living with his fiancee.

This seems so wrong to me and so dismissive of my sister and my family. What can we do? We want a final resting place for her. We think his actions show he obviously doesn't care. – Disillusioned And Heartbroken

DEAR D&H: That's not necessarily true. Your former brother-in-law may care so much about his late wife that he cannot let the ashes go. I hope you will maintain contact with him because it's a way to keep track of those ashes. As his wedding date grows near, he may soften his stance and allow them to be divided, perhaps with some prodding from his new wife, which may be the solution that's best for everyone concerned.

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Son's teammate only plays baseball to please dad

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My 8-year-old shared that his teammate told the team he "only plays baseball so his dad will like him." When you watch the kid play, it is clear he is desperate for his dad's approval. But it is not clear Dad has any idea his kid thinks he has to play for his dad "to like him."

Should I tell the dad what my kid reported? Sorta heartbreaking if Dad truly doesn't know ... but not really my business ... but the poor kid. – Tell?

Tell?: Uuuuugh.

I'm going to semi-answer, semi-crowdsource this one, because I approach this with some trepidation. I have been here *to a degree*, watching the occasional kid over the years clearly playing to satisfy an over-invested parent. I've never said anything, because I agree it's not a bystander's business.

You have facts, though. The kid actually said it out loud.

I still don't think I would take it upon myself to alert the parent, but I'd file it away in case the opportunity ever arose to say something.

I also think you can accomplish more than you realize by talking to your kid about it, asking how s/he responded to this friend; how he feels about the idea of playing to please a parent; making sure your kid knows that playing is up to him or her; and, after the conversation, asking if s/he'd say anything different to his friend now.

I realize 8 is so very young, but these two 8-year-olds, respectively, just proved themselves self-aware enough to admit to daddy-pleasing behavior, and emotionally astute enough to report this as concerning to you. They're *on* this, apparently more so than the dad in question.

So maybe your 8-year-old can support this friend. "Have you told your dad that?" is not crossing any lines and not beyond the age.

Maybe s/he's not ready for even that, and so be it, nothing wrong with it – but at least talk to your kid about ways to support a friend who's down. It's a learned skill.

Readers' thoughts: – Sometimes kids say stuff in an attempt to work out how they're feeling. Maybe he really does want his dad to like him. Maybe he was sharing an insight with his team to justify why he's been playing badly. I wouldn't get involved!

- I would wait and watch. Observe the dad. Be aware that you can only see what you can see in public and tread carefully.

- Mention this to the coach?

- The classic way is to wear the problem yourself, to say to the other father, "Let me ask you: My son knows what a big fan I am, and sometimes I worry he is only playing to try to please me. Have you had to deal with this?"

- I wonder if the kid said it out loud so that someone could help him address it. I really hate to leave a kid just carrying such a big crappy thing without support.

- It's a tricky thing, but I'd consider that an 8-year-old could misinterpret dad's encouragement for, "He won't like me if I don't." I'm not saying that's the case here, I've just seen things that could have been misconstrued if I hadn't known the parent's motive.

Good stuff, thanks everybody.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Dry out
6 Noted wise guy?
11 Spud state
12 Kid's wheels
13 Casual wear (hyph.)
15 Two-position switch
16 Kind of cracker
18 Longbow wood
19 Wimple wearer
21 Tip of a pen
22 Grounds for a suit
23 In a state of eager anticipation
25 Chatty TV alien
28 Shuttle course
30 Tigger's friend
31 — -de-sac
32 Spanish "that"
33 Turkish official
35 Houston pro
37 Cave, perhaps
38 Yves' words
40 Came to
41 Tiny
42 Uh's cousins
43 Judicial order
46 Win over
48 Wife's siblings (hyph.)
50 Sunken ship explorers
54 Chisel
55 Blue pottery of Holland
56 Scornful gaze
57 Stage whisper

DOWN
1 Hole
2 TV spots
3 Cheer syllable
4 Red table wine
5 Antler
6 Errant GI
7 Trail behind
8 Like souffles
9 — slaw
10 Was in on
14 "Typical Male" singer
15 Off-limits
17 Headed south
19 From Oslo
20 Citified
22 — the line (obeyed)
24 — — step further
25 Performer on stage
26 Lies in wait
27 Ice sheet
29 Woolen cap
34 Formal dresses
36 Turns sharply
39 Tournament ranking
43 Short engagements
44 Familiar auth.
45 Stamp backing
46 Washstand item
47 Verdi princess
49 Develop
51 Yale grad
52 P.O. service
53 Sault — Marie

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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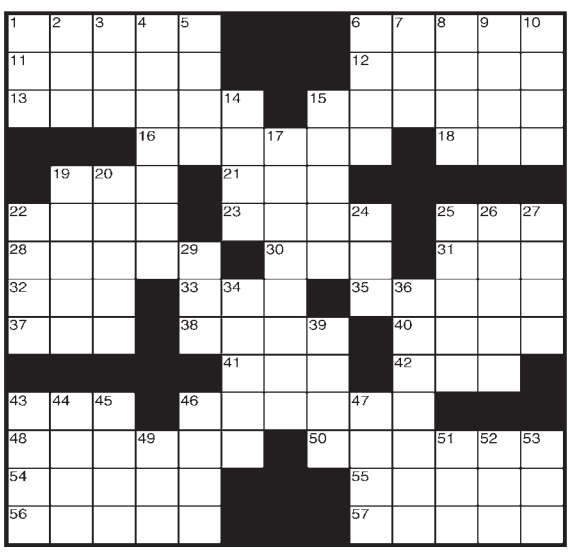

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SEPRS

DHOYSD

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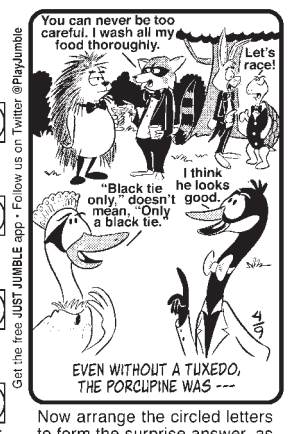
You can never be too careful. I wash all my food thoroughly.
Let's race!
"Black tie only," doesn't mean, "Only a black tie."
I think he looks good.
EVEN WITHOUT A TUXEDO, THE PORCUPINE WAS ---

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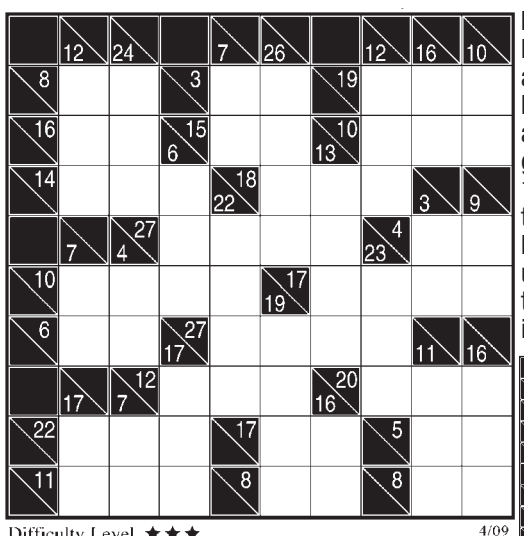
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

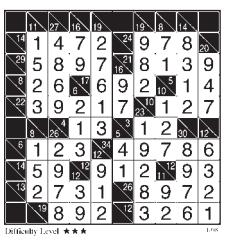
Yesterday's Jumbles: AGENT PROXY MILDEW DARKER
Answer: He felt he was destined to become a priest, and going to the seminary was — PREORDAINED

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/09

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

When someone writes a column showing great declarer-play or defense by an unnamed player, one can usually deduce that the author was the expert. But that was not the case in this deal, because I asked the scribe. He said he did not know who had found the resourceful defense.

What happened in four spades after West led the club jack?

The bidding featured some questionable decisions. Although North did not have a singleton, the vulnerability was favorable, so he should have bid four spades immediately. East's jump to three no-trump was imaginative. He hoped dummy had the club ace, and that he could collect one spade, six diamonds and two clubs. Here, three no-trump would have gone down two, but North was not willing to risk it.

West should have realized that his partner had a solid diamond suit, and if he had led a diamond, four spades would have had no chance. When he chose the club jack, South was still alive.

Declarer won with the club ace and cashed his three heart tricks, discarding a diamond from the dummy. Then he played a trump to the queen. East won with his ace and did what?

East could see only three defensive tricks: one spade, one diamond and one club. Clearly declarer would duck the second round of clubs to bring down the king.

In desperation, East cashed his club king, then led a low diamond!

South should have put up his jack, but without thinking, he played low. West, after being told that he really had won the trick with his 10, returned a club, which East ruffed to defeat the contract.

North 04-09-20
♠ Q 8 7 5 3
♥ Q 5
♦ 6 5
♣ Q 8 7 2

West
♠ 2
♥ J 9 7 6 4
♦ 10 7 3
♣ J 10 9 4

East
♠ A J
♥ 10 8 3
♦ A K Q 9 4 2
♣ K 3

South
♠ K 10 9 6 4
♥ A K 2
♦ J 8
♣ A 6 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	3NT
Pass	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ J

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	4	8	1	5	7	6	3	9
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8	5	9	2	3	4	7	6	1
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IN OUR OPINION

Patience required

Restarting economy is vital but it can't be rushed

The virtual shutdown of the economy during the coronavirus pandemic has had a devastating impact to so many people.

Millions of people have been laid off or furloughed, or seen a drastic reduction in work hours. Many of those workers already had financial struggles, and the loss of income has raised their stress level. Enhanced unemployment benefits will certainly help, but they won't always completely make up for lost wages.

Most small businesses have closed down, drying up their revenue streams while many of their expenses remain. Their owners, many of whom have invested their life's work into their version of the American dream, face the very real prospect of coming out of this shutdown with their businesses in financial ruin.

It is absolutely vital that we find a way to restart our economy as soon as possible. But that restart cannot be rushed.

In general, the residents of Michigan have responded well to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive order to stay home as much as possible. Traffic on state highways is down significantly. Employers have shown great flexibility in setting up remote work environments for jobs that don't require a physical presence. People who didn't already know how have learned to work and worship and visit loved ones through Zoom and other video communication apps.

But not everyone has embraced the stay-at-home order. There are too many examples of group gatherings in unsafe numbers, getting together for non-essential activities. Benton Township police shut down the garden center at Lowe's on Saturday because the number of customers there made safe social distancing impossible.

We fear this problem might get worse as the weather warms up. Going to parks for exercise is allowed under the governor's order. But if a park gets so crowded that social distancing becomes impractical, officials may have no choice but to shut it down.

We certainly understand, and share, people's desire to get out of the house, to try to bring back some of the normalcy of life. And, of course, we understand the strong desire of idled workers to start earning income again.

However, this is a time for patience. There are positive signs that the stay-at-home order has helped flatten the curve, and as a state we may soon see the peak of the infections. That peak hasn't happened yet, though, and if residents get more casual about the restrictions too soon, the spread of the virus could spike.

We urge Gov. Whitmer and legislative leaders to work together on a plan that will allow businesses that can operate safely to reopen as soon as possible, once we are on the downside of the infection curve. That day will come sooner, we believe, if residents continue to be patient and stay home as much as possible.

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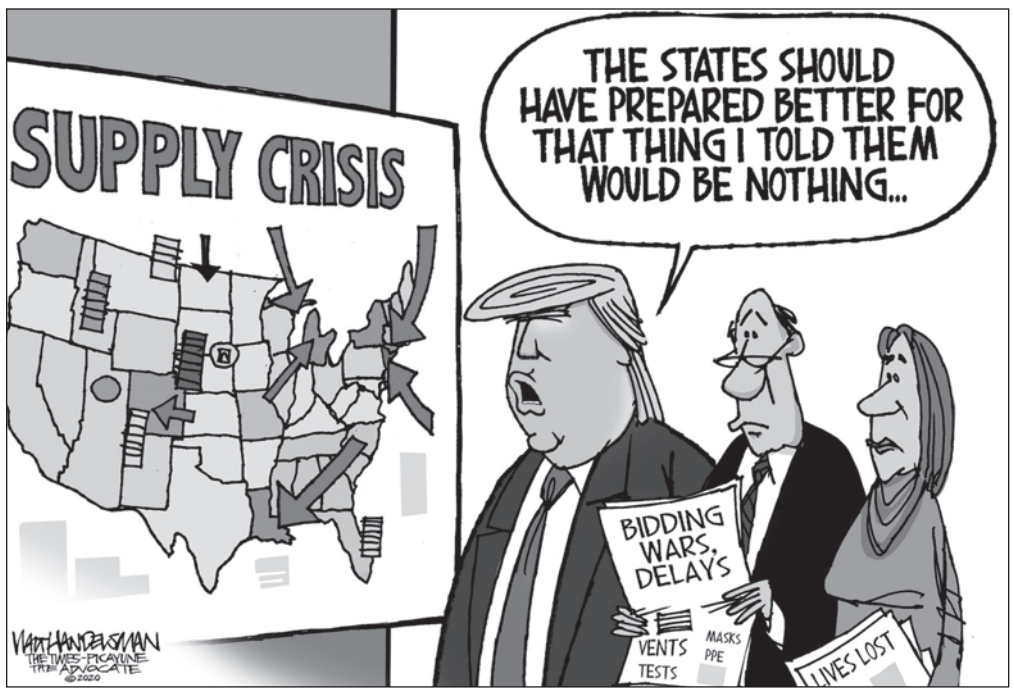

LETTERS

Wedding story was a breath of fresh air

Editor,

The photo and story on April 1 about the young couple who found a way to have guests at their wedding was really super! I hope the photo gets picked up by lots of other newspapers. With all the health problems right now, it was like a ray of sunshine. It certainly brightened my day!

Thanks for sharing their plans with your readers. And best wishes to the young couple.

Fran Wooley
Coloma

Too many restaurants aren't being safe

Editor,

Due to the governor's stay-at-home order and Trump's recent extension of physical distancing guidelines till the end of April, I've talked to people who would like to support local restaurants by ordering to-go, but have stopped because of their concern about a lack of consistent food handling standards.

From various discussions I've had, beyond concerns about the health of those preparing the food, the single biggest concern is the opportunity for the spread of the virus during customer payment. Restaurants are largely allowing customers who request it to pay in advance via credit card by phone, but many still seem to be allowing customers to swipe their card or sign a card slip. Some may still accept cash or check. Even handing a customer a restaurant pen to sign credit card slips is an opportunity for the virus to be taken back into the restaurant or be transferred to the employee or the next customer signing a slip. All of this could be avoided by doing all credit card transactions as a true "phone order" and asking if the customer wants to tip at the time of the phone order. While many restaurants want to offer several payment options to make customers feel comfortable, I believe that they should instead focus on customer safety to encourage more patronage.

I'd like to suggest the following procedures be adopted by local restaurants to eliminate the weakest link in safety of current "to-go" orders:

■ restaurants accept payment ONLY via credit card by phone or an app such as Venmo, PayPal or "on account" payments;

■ curbside delivery service with customer arrival announced by a phone call – the customer never leaves car;

■ orders delivered in disposable gloves which can be switched out in case a customer coughs, etc.;

Other concerns mentioned by those who are hesitant to order "to-go":

■ will a restaurant assure customers that employees with any sign of sniffles, cough or sneezing are staying home?

■ will a restaurant assure its customers that they are mandating that their kitchen staff wear masks?

Restaurants that adopt these procedures can let their administrator know at the SWMI Restaurants Staying Safe To-Go page on Facebook to help spread the word.

Dave Carlock
Benton Harbor

Letter took unfair shots at Andrews

Editor,

Mr. Garth Taylor wrote a seemingly mean-spirited letter ("Andrews needs to review decision to hold concert," March 26) attacking Andrews for the Sandy Patti concert on March 6, before few, if any, group events, public facilities, schools, restaurants or anything else were closed more than a week after the concert. Andrews certainly wasn't pursuing the profits-before-health motive that Mr. Taylor alleges.

Andrews brings many musical events to the community, both free and with modest ticket prices to cover the costs of entertainers, not to plump up the nonprofit organization's fund balances. Andrews has taken quick and comprehensive actions to cancel face-to-face classes, all group events, the library, and the dorms, excepting students who need more time to return home. Pro-rated refunds are scheduled for students with prepaid meal plans. Classes were reorganized to effect distance learning, and a 50 percent discount will be offered for summer class registrations.

Andrews University's mission is to affirm faith, seek knowledge and change the world. Andrews places great emphasis on health.

Jim Temple
Berrien Springs

Trump supporters: Just look around you

Editor,

MAGA and KAG, are we really great if:

We don't have enough masks for our medical workers; we don't have enough ventilators for our intensive care units; we didn't use reliable tests from other countries and now can't make and provide enough now that we really need them; we have a president who doesn't listen to scientists; we have a president who lies and lies and lies, etc.; we have a president who blames everyone and everything but himself; we have a presidents who can't understand complexity; we have a president who has no empathy; we have a president who cares more about being re-elected than the people that are dying from this pandemic; we have a president who doesn't understand the meaning of the word "pandemic."

For all of you who voted for Mr. Trump, please look at the facts, not the fake news that the president and his cohorts on his Fox News propaganda machine keep churning out. Please open your minds to the truth.

Rita dePedro
Bridgman

Whitmer has excelled where Trump has failed

Editor,

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer took decisive action early in this coronavirus crisis with directives aimed at protecting Michiganders while slowing the spread of the virus:

■ March 10 – Declared state of emergency after two cases of coronavirus were confirmed in Michigan.

■ March 13 – Ordered cancellation of events hosting over 250 people.

■ March 16 – Prohibited visitors from entering justice and hospital facilities unless needed for medical care.

■ March 17 – Closed schools, restaurants, bars, and expanded Michigan unemployment benefits.

The governor further called for Michiganders to help combat the spread of the virus and mitigate loss of life by staying home and avoiding social contact.

In light of the severe shortage of personal protection equipment (masks, gloves, gowns, etc.) for health care workers, ventilators for desperately ill patients, and test kits to identify infected individuals, Gov. Whitmer, Gov. Andrew Cuomo (New York), and several other governors have strongly urged the president to make the federal government the "central authority" in coordinating the purchase and allocation of these essential items as quickly as possible.

President Donald Trump, on the other hand, has been slow to react, expressing doubt about shortages of medical supplies, boasting about the country's still-inadequate testing capacity, and criticizing former President Barack Obama's response to an earlier outbreak of a different disease. He also called our governor "Half" Whitmer, said "she doesn't have a clue and needs to work harder." None of Trump's meandering statements were true. Oh, and yes, since there's still no "central authority"/oversight in this crisis, and the U.S. now has every state and the federal government all competing ineffectively for the same critical supplies.

A leader, whether a U.S. president or a state governor, is responsible for every decision and action in their organization. It's why president Harry Truman coined the phrase, "The Buck Stops Here." To successfully fulfill the role, a leader must establish and implement policies that best meet their citizens' needs for the situation at hand, especially in a time of crisis. Our governor is a true leader and has taken quick, sound action to help slow this crisis. Why hasn't President Trump?

Ken Peterson
Buchanan

HP thinner, for now, but still vital

Editor,

The paper is looking pretty slim these days. Little news on local activities, sports, schools or special events. Even the ads are few as stores, restaurants and museums are closed.

The internet, though, is filled with news about the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. So, why bother getting The Herald-Palladium? Because you are the best source of state and local news about how the pandemic is affecting OUR area. Because you give us information about what services are available right here through the Berrien County Health Department, Spectrum Health Lakeland, homeless shelters, and police departments checking on children home alone. You also give us encouraging and uplifting stories about how people are managing to deal with these difficult times, from cardboard wedding guests and drive-by firetrucks for birthday parties to restaurants, food pantries and schools feeding hungry, cash-strapped people, and on to people making masks and face shields for medical personnel.

Thank you for continuing to publish during this difficult time. You really provide us with an essential service.

Kerry Binnington
Coloma

What will post-pandemic politics look like?

Jonah Goldberg

I've been telecommuting for decades, so for me sheltering in place isn't remotely the burden it is for a lot of Americans. But it does make the job of following politics more difficult for two reasons.

First, to a certain degree, politics are on lockdown too. To the extent that the Democratic primaries are in the news, it's mostly as a public health story, thanks to Wisconsin's debate over whether to carry on with in-person voting and questions of how to conduct a convention while social distancing. Bernie Sanders – who is still running, by the way – wants to debate presumptive nominee Joe Biden again, but few in the party are interested in that. Biden himself is running a pandemic version of a front porch campaign via teleconference from his home office.

The second reason is more vexing: Nobody has any clue what post-pandemic politics will look like.

On the left, some fantasize about somehow replacing Biden with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, which makes a lot of sense given Cuomo's impressive performance of late, except for the near impossibility of orchestrating such a handoff. Meanwhile, progressive groups, still licking their wounds over the almost instantaneous marginalization of Sanders, are suddenly seeing their massive grassroots organizations starved of money and the ability to organize.

The situation on the right is even more opaque. For good or ill, the pandemic has made President Donald Trump an even more central figure in our politics, thanks to the role the White House plays in a national emergency and his nightly, often rambling, news conferences.

That's not all to the GOP's advantage. Trump's refusal to admit any error in how he's handled the crisis has had the unintended effect of starving Republicans of some useful talking points. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell tried to float the idea that the Democrats' impeachment fixation distracted Trump from following through after the travel ban with a more robust response to the pandemic when it would have made a difference, but Trump himself threw cold water on that.

Regardless, as the right gears up for either a Trump win or a lame duck presidency amid a hard period of recovery, it's possible to glean some contours of post-pandemic Republican politics.

Trump was always going to be the nominee, but his set of issues has been reshuffled entirely. He was all set to run on a roaring economy, pitting himself against "socialism" – even though his preferred foil, Bernie Sanders, was sidelined on Super Tuesday. Now, the economy has headed south, and our anti-socialist president is ordering businesses to do the government's bidding and handing out direct payments to millions of Americans.

Trump's vacillation between the need to clamp down on the virus and his desire to open up the economy is somewhat symbolic of the broader divides on the right. Longtime MAGA consigliere Steve Bannon tells the New York Times that the GOP's commitment to "limited government" is gone forever. Others in the Trumpist orbit, such as Donald Trump Jr., are still pushing the idea that the corona-hype is overblown and just part of an effort to take down his dad.

Somewhere in the middle, conservative politicians and intellectuals are trying to find a less Trumpcentric path.

Long before the coronavirus emerged in Wuhan, China, Sen. Marco Rubio and a coterie of eggheads were firing salvos at "unfettered capitalism" – as if that described the status quo at any point in the last century of American politics – and offering a blueprint for "common good capitalism." Meanwhile, Nikki Haley, Trump's former U.N. ambassador (for whom my wife worked), resigned from the board of Boeing last month in protest over its request for a federal bailout. It was a principled stand, but it's anyone's guess whether corporate bailouts will be as unpopular on the right as they were before the pandemic.

While it's hard to know whether crony capitalism will remain out of favor, you can count on China to stay in the doghouse for years to come.

That's good news for one politician worth watching: Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. Long a China hawk, Cotton is credited with convincing Trump to implement the China travel ban (though Trump didn't go as far as Cotton wanted). He deserves credit for spotting the threat and speaking out early on. Widely assumed to have presidential aspirations, Cotton has also deftly managed to avoid being seen as a Trump yes man – unlike, say, Sen. Lindsey Graham – while remaining a favorite of the president's.

If the GOP ultimately sours on Trump's handling of the crisis, Cotton would be ideally situated to highlight his pre-science. But that's a long way off, and for now it's worth noting that Cotton is running ads supporting the president's response to the pandemic.

Jonah Goldberg is an editor-at-large of National Review Online.

Housing market chills, layoffs, companies boost virus fight

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The outbreak of the coronavirus has dealt a shock to the global economy with unprecedented speed. Following are developments Wednesday related to the global economy, the work place and the spread of the virus.

PAYCHECKS STOP: Companies are in survival mode, which means tens of thousands of people are losing weekly paychecks. Governments are pushing billions of dollars into programs to stop the bloodletting, but job cuts keep coming.

■ Tesla furloughed most factory workers and announced pay cuts. Furloughed employees won't be paid, but health benefits will continue. The company anticipates a return to work on May 4, according to an email from Valerie Workman, head of HR for North America.

■ Starbucks will provide direct grants to employees worldwide. The Seattle roaster will provide $10 million in grants for things like housing, utilities, and family funeral costs during the pandemic.

BROKEN HOMES: There were already early signs of weakness in the housing market before the pandemic. New data shows a significant deterioration.

■ Mortgage applications nationwide dropped 17.9 percent in one week, according to a Mortgage Bankers Association survey Wednesday. Purchase applications, which hint at future activity, slid 12 percent in a week, and a whopping 33 percent from the same week last year.

■ The number of people paying rent in March slipped 12 percent, according to the National Multifamily Housing Council. In it's first review of the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, the group found 69 percent of households had paid their rent by April 5, compared with 81 percent in the previous month.

HEAVY INDUSTRY: Manufacturers have reconfigured factory floors to provide essential goods despite the lack of a coordinated response from Washington and clashes between President Donald Trump and some of the nation's largest producers.

■ The U.S. will buy 30,000 desperately needed ventilators from General Motors for $489.4 million. GM is producing the devices at cost. The ventilators will go into the Strategic National Stockpile for distribution, HHS said. GM will deliver 6,132 ventilators by June.

■ Amazon is testing disinfectant fogging at warehouses. Amazon has been under pressure from workers to improve safety during the outbreak.

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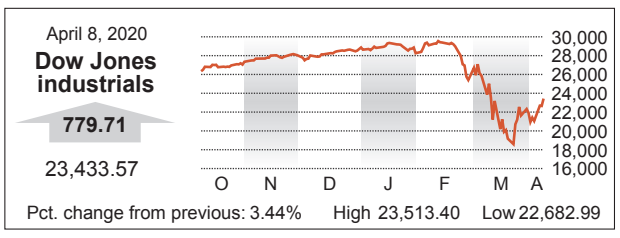

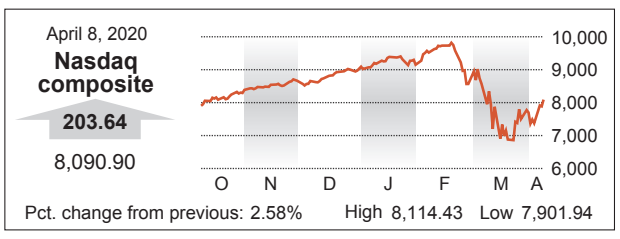

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LOCAL GRAIN

Wayland Livestock sales as of Tuesday, April 7.
Prices are per pound.
Choice steers & heifers..... no test
High yielding choice & prime..... no test
Utility cow.....s 43 cents-57 cents
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Bulls ..... 65 cents-89 cents
Top bull calves .....50 cents-$1.00
Hay .....$1.50-$6.75 per bale
Straw .....$4.00-$4.40 per bale
For information, call 792-2296 or fax 792-8055.

OBITUARIES

Nole L. Walters

Jan. 13, 1930 – April 7, 2020

Nole L. Walters was born in Elkhart, Ind., to Fred O. and Eaulah M. (Cherry) Walters on Jan. 13, 1930. He peacefully passed away on April 7, 2020. He had one brother, Fred D. Walters, who, along with his parents, preceded him in death.

Nole graduated from Elkhart Central High School in 1947, and Ball State in 1951. While at Ball State, he was part of the undefeated football team of 1949. After graduating, he taught high school math and science classes and then entered naval officer training school. On Oct. 26, 1952, he married the love of his life, Rosalyn M. (Rosie) Johnson, who he met at Ball State. His first naval assignment was teaching at the Naval Prep School in Bainbridge, Md. While stationed there, they welcomed their daughter, Debra. Nole served in Albuquerque, N.M., and San Diego on the USS Bonhomme Richard aircraft carrier. After his release from active duty in 1957, they moved back to Mishawaka, Ind., where their son, Steven, was born.

Nole was employed for 10 years by the Bendix Corporation in Mishawaka, working on the Talos surface-to-air missiles for the U.S. Navy. In 1967, he helped start up a manufacturing company and he later became the sole owner of Trinetics, Inc. After 30 years of growing and building this company, he sold it and retired in 1998.

He volunteered at the church, the Girl Scouts and the Chamber of Commerce. He found his passion serving at Hope Ministries, helping to create their Family Life Center for women and children in downtown South Bend.

Nole and Rosie loved traveling worldwide. For many years they had a winter home in Scottsdale, Ariz., and a summer home on Diamond Lake in Cassopolis. They spent many glorious years enjoying these homes and entertaining family and friends.

Nole loved to cook and especially enjoyed cooking for large crowds and church functions, where his spaghetti sauce was a crowd favorite. He also loved to bowl and was on several leagues throughout the years. He enjoyed fishing trips with his brother and their lifelong friends from high school and college. He was a faithful member of various United Methodist churches throughout the years, currently Clay Church in South Bend. He was a member of the South Bend Scottish Rite for over 60 years and a lifetime member of the South Bend Elks Lodge 235.

Nole leaves behind his loving wife of 67 years and two devoted children. Also mourning his loss are three grandchildren, Nicholas (Kay) Hunt, Jessica (Adam) Richard and Brandy (Ben) Resor. Also surviving are five great-grandsons, Lincoln, Nolan, Aden, Grant and Henry.

Private services and entombment will take place in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Clay Church Food Pantry, The Center for Hospice in Mishawaka or Hope Ministries.

To send condolences to the family, please visit www.McGannHay.com.

Death notices

Felix W. Bauer, 90, of Bangor died April 7, 2020, at his residence. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

William Behler, 71, of Three Oaks died April 8, 2020. Pobocik Chapel, Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Glen Burchfield, 62, of Niles, died April 6, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Elmer R. "Whitey" Hak, 92, of Sawyer died April 7, 2020, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

John W. Pontius, 90, of Dowagiac died April 7, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Nole L. Walters, 90, of Cassopolis died April 7, 2020. McGann Hay Funeral Home, South Bend, Ind., (574) 232-1411.

Elmer Richard 'Whitey' Hak

Feb. 14, 1928 – April 7, 2020

Elmer Richard "Whitey" Hak, 92, of Sawyer passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at his home in the care of his family.

A private family funeral was held at Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman, and a public celebration of life will be held later. Final resting place will be in Riverside Cemetery, Three Oaks. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 5701 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, MI 49125, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, for Ministry of Susan Nathan, P.O.Box 7895 Madison, WI 53791-9703 or Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Elmer was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Sawyer, the son of the late Felix and Henrietta (Krieger) Hak. On March 12, 1955, he married Betty Beebe, recently celebrating 65 years together. He graduated from New Troy High School, class of 1946. Elmer was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sawyer, where he was baptized and confirmed. He worked as a painter in the Michigan City and South Bend areas, retiring as a member of Local 1118 in 1993. He built a home in Dunnellon, Fla., where he and Betty enjoyed their winters.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; sons, Dennis Hak of Sawyer and Dr. David Hak of Sanford, Fla.; daughter, Susan (Charles) Nathan of Valparaiso, Ind.; grandsons, Josh, Micah and Dan Nathan; granddaughter, Hailey Hak; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Elmer was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Brodbeck, and her husband, Richard.

Gloria Gregg Eilert

May 29, 1926 – April 6, 2020

Gloria Gregg Eilert, 93, of Coloma passed away Monday, April 6, 2020, at her residence.

Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Cremation has taken place and, due to current circumstances, no local services are planned at this time. Those wishing to leave a message for the family or share a memory online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com. Memorial donations in Gloria's honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association and mailed to the funeral home at 6548 Paw Paw Ave., Coloma, MI 49038.

Gloria was born on May 29, 1926, in Chicago, to Charles and Ruth Keating. She and Robert Gregg were married for 49 years, and together the couple raised four children: Randy, Kenny, Bobbi Ann and David. After Robert died, Gloria married Robert Eilert in 2003. He preceded Gloria in death in 2014. Prior to her retirement, Gloria had worked at the Golden Brown Bakery in Watervliet for 10 years. She was also a volunteer for 12 years at Lakeland Hospital in Watervliet, where she worked the desk in the waiting room.

Gloria is survived by her two sons, Randy (Susan) Gregg and David (Cheryl) MacGregor; two sisters, Pat Green and Lynn Timmons; and four grandchildren, Jesse Gregg, Casey Gregg, Sally Noe and Eowyn MacGregor.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kenny; and daughter, Bobbi Ann.

Celebrity chefs unite to feed hungry

By KELLI KENNEDY
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — When Jose Andres first came to New York City, the wide-eyed sailor in the Spanish navy docked on West 30th Street full of ambition. Decades later, the award-winning chef has an upscale food hall on that very street and will serve 40,000 meals this week across the city where he built his dreams, and which is now the U.S. epicenter of the coronavirus.

Lynne Sladky / AP

Chef Liset Garcell prepares to give out free meals to those affected by the new coronavirus pandemic, at Marcus Samuelsson's Red Rooster Restaurant, Monday, in the Overtown neighborhood of Miami.

Andres, whose restaurants in the United States include The Bazaar, Jaleo and the two Michelin-starred Somni, founded World Central Kitchen in 2010. It has served over 15 million meals worldwide after hurricanes, wildfires and other disasters.

Since the pandemic, his organization has served more than 750,000 meals from Miami and Los Angeles to Little Rock, Arkansas, and Fairfax, Virginia. It works out of places like libraries, food trucks and shuttered restaurants, feeding 125 hospitals, students in school lunch programs and even quarantined cruise ship passengers.

Andres has amassed an A-list network around the world, relying on celebrity chef pals including Rachael Ray, Guy Fieri and Marcus Samuelsson to feed the hungry and buoy the humble restaurant kitchens across America where many started their careers.

"I'm in debt to America. ... That's the best I can give to America because America gave me a home. America gave me opportunity," Andres told The Associated Press in a recent phone interview.

In New York City, he set up a cafe to serve the Mount Sinai field hospital in Central Park. In Harlem, he's using "Chopped" TV judge Samuelsson's Red Rooster restaurant to feed families.

Samuelsson's Miami restaurant hasn't opened to the public yet, but instead of leaving it empty, he turned it over to World Central Kitchen. They are serving sandwiches and salads there to laid-off hospitality workers, homeless residents and Uber drivers.

Even in crisis, these top chefs aren't serving bland porridge. Recent meals at senior centers in Washington, D.C., included creamy tomato pasta with spring vegetables, and cilantro rice bowls with spiced chickpeas and spinach topped with citrus vinaigrette and crispy tortillas.

Andres was among the first to close his restaurants, hoping to create a blueprint for chefs around the world on how to use their restaurants and employ workers while feeding the hungry.

"This operation is growing every day," he said. "We want to put America to work in the process of feeding America."

In California, Fieri is on standby, ready with a 48-foot-long (15-meter-long) rescue kitchen and support team. "Guy is ready to go," Andres said. "This is like war. You need to have troops ready for action."

Fieri compared his longtime friendship with Andres and other famous chefs to "playing in a band."

"When you hang out with generous, philanthropist warlords like Jose Andres, all you want to do is go bigger, go better," said Fieri, who cooked alongside Andres during last year's California wildfires.

In the early days of the outbreak, Fieri, the TV host of "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," also wanted to do more. He bought $50,000 in gift cards to support local restaurants. He sent dozens of personalized videos to CEOs from big food companies seeking donations.

His Restaurant Employee Relief Fund quickly raised $10 million, with a goal of raising $100 million, to offer $500 grants for laid-off workers. The first checks were handed out last week.

"As diners, we're always the ones asking restaurants for help. … We ask the servers to take special care of our tables, the bartenders to listen to our stories and the bussers to clean up our messes," Fieri said. He described the program as "a big warm blanket, as if to say, 'Hey, we got you. It's our turn to help you for once.'"

Ray announced a $4 million donation Tuesday from her two charities. Half will go to feeding and nutritional programs, including World Central Kitchen. The other half will support animal rescue, feeding and veterinary programs.

"We are not a disaster relief fund by origin or desire but that's what we've become quite frankly in the last couple of years," she told the AP in a phone interview.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Clementine's Saloon, Sherman Dairy and the Blueberry Store in South Haven are among the area attractions listed in the Michigan Travel Ideas, a magazine produced by the Michigan Travel Bureau and Midwest Living Magazine. The publication that will be distributed to the 350,000 subscribers of Midwest Living, and an additional 375,000 copies will be distributed by the Michigan Travel Bureau to tourism outlets and to people requesting information about Michigan.

Other area attractions mentioned are Herb Teichman's Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm in Eau Claire and Miller Orchards in Coloma.

35 years ago – 1985

The Eau Claire Village Council last night voted to install a drinking fountain at the village park on Apple Street, according to Treasurer Peggy LaVanway.

The unanimous vote came after the council heard a written request from youth baseball representatives seeking a fountain. The cost of tapping into the village's water system was not immediately available.

50 years ago – 1970

Organization of a new department, inhalation therapy, is well underway at Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph. Director of the new unit is William Wood, 22, a December, 1969, graduate of the University of Michigan. Wood said, "Inhalation therapy is the fastest-growing paramedical specialty in medicine today." Inhalation therapy aids the physician in restoring normal gas exchange in the lungs by removing secretions and opening airways.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 9, the 100th day of 2020. There are 266 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 9, 1942, during World War II, some 75,000 Philippine and American defenders on Bataan surrendered to Japanese troops, who forced the prisoners into what became known as the Bataan Death March; thousands died or were killed en route.

On this date:

In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after being denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1959, NASA presented its first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, 91, died in Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was proclaimed an honorary U.S. citizen by President John F. Kennedy. (Churchill, unable to attend, watched the proceedings live on television in his London home.)

In 1968, funeral services, private and public, were held for Martin Luther King Jr. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Morehouse College in Atlanta, five days after the civil rights leader was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Few Showers	Chance Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers
41°	35°	39° / 34°	45° / 37°	51° / 39°	43° / 34°

Local Outlook

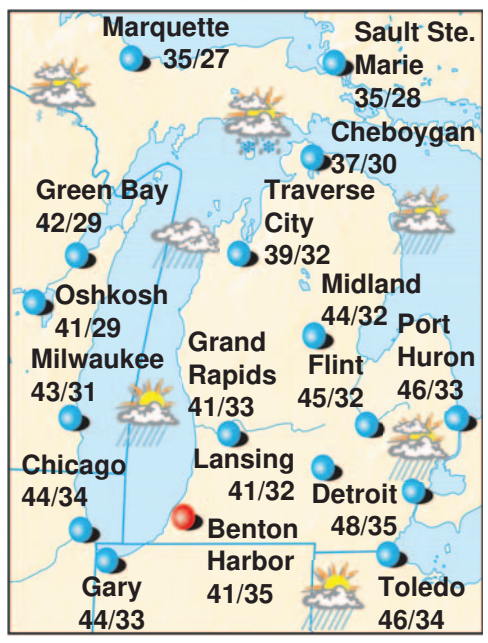
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 65% chance of showers, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 60%. West northwest wind 19 to 25 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 35% chance of showers, overnight low of 35°. West northwest wind 21 to 24 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 7:14 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:20 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 10:34 p.m.
Moonset ..... 8:27 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
4/14	4/22	4/30	5/7

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	69°
Low	47°
Normal High	57°
Normal Low	36°
Record High	78° in 2001
Record Low	19° in 2018

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.09"
Normal for month	0.81"
Year to date	7.98"
Normal Year to date	6.46"

Air Quality

Yesterday 48
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

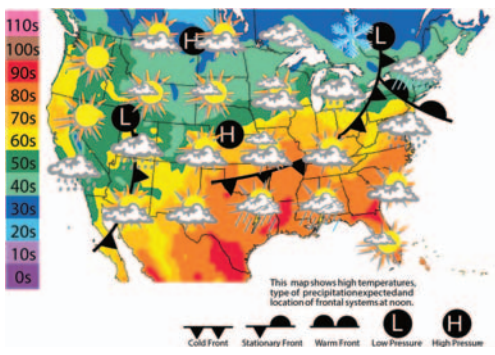
Weather Trivia

What is the driest spot in the United States?

Answer: Death Valley, California, with an average of 1.63 inches of rain per year.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 9, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, WNW wind 19 to 24 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves 6 to 8 ft. Water temperature 39 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 22 to 25 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves 7 to 8 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and snow showers, highs in the 30s. West wind 14 to 21 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 30s. West northwest wind 13 to 17 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 19 to 25 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 7 to 22 mph.

SURGE

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business and medical professions to develop a guide for residents to transition safely back to work.

White House officials on Saturday warned of a peak in deaths for the state by the end of this week. The apex cited in the White House's projection is for the hardest-hit counties of Wayne and Oakland, which account for two-thirds of Michigan's cases and 72 percent of its deaths.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, meanwhile, reiterated Monday she's relying on University of Michigan data in her estimation the virus will hit its maximum impact in cases in late April or early May.

Some statistical models rely on deaths, while others emphasize reported positive cases along with other data and assumptions to project out a peak. But experts say the cases and deaths are both under-reported.

While Michigan is testing thousands more of the sick, there are still many more with mild symptoms who are being treated, sent home and not tested so their numbers aren't showing up in the state's daily case counts, health officials say. Experts also note COVID-19 deaths are being unreported as state resources are being stretched.

Michigan will need more testing to build better models before it can start relaxing any social distancing measures, said Joseph Eisenberg, professor and chairman of the Epidemiology Department at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

"We need to be able to have a more accurate picture of cases and transmission," Eisenberg said. "We can only do that through increased testing.

"You are kind of flying blind (without it)."

When cases start to flatten, officials will need to be able to confirm cases are dropping, he said. And robust testing will be needed to ensure when clusters of infections pop up, they are contained immediately, Eisenberg said.

Whitmer acknowledged on Monday the lack of testing had made it difficult to develop the forecasts.

"We've never had enough tests to have the kind of robust testing so that we've got data that we can feel informs a model that is reliable," the governor said. "... That is not unique to Michigan. That is kind of a countrywide issue that we've all got."

How models differ

White House coronavirus response coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx on Saturday projected Wayne and Oakland counties would hit peak caseloads this weekend, citing modeling from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation out of the University of Washington.

Its work is based on COVID-19 deaths because positive cases are so under-reported, said Ali Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University of Washington institute.

"Once we project mortality to a point in time, we can back compute the number of people who need to be in the hospital, the number of people who need oxygen, the number who need ICU," he said.

The institute's website predicts as of Wednesday morning that Michigan will peak at 131 new daily deaths on Thursday. On Tuesday, the state announced 118 new deaths.

"There are several models out there, but ours is the only one that does state-to-state comparison (apples to apples)," Mokdad wrote in an email. "We have updated our numbers to account for the new data we have received from all our sources and we are now seeing an earlier peak and a faster drop from locations in Italy and Spain as well as the US."

FUND

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better and has been able to return to work as a nurse. He said in 2019 she received $2,400 from the Hopeful Home Fund to pay her taxes.

The next family to receive help was Jeremy and Kendra McNeeds of Benton Township. Witkowski said Jeremy McNeeds was working full time earning about $24,000 a year and Kendra was working until she had her legs amputated because of diabetes.

Witkowski said the Hopeful Home Fund, administered by United Way of Southwest Michigan in collaboration with the Berrien County Treasurer's office, is seeking donations to keep the fund going.

The Hopeful Home Fund came about after 88-year-old Niles resident Mildred Gray walked more than a mile to the treasurer's office to get on a payment plan for her overdue property taxes.

After The Herald-Palladium ran a story about Gray, who has since died, an anonymous donor paid the $1,800 owed and Gray was able to remain in her home until she passed away.

Gray's story led to a suggestion that the treasurer's office set up a fund for hardship cases, and Witkowski recruited the United Way to oversee the charity.

Donations to help the Hopeful Home Fund continue can be sent to United Way of Southwest Michigan, 2015 Lakeview Ave., St. Joseph, MI 49085. All donations are tax deductible.

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★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center that comes to Berrien County twice a week.

★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free transportation at designated stops for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Benefits Program to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek and the VA Health Care Center in Mishawaka.

★ Financial assistance thru the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for wartime veterans or peacetime veterans who earned an expeditionary medal (additional means tested restrictions apply).

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